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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 24, 2015

**DATE:** February 2, 2015  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Kevin Schiller, Interim Director, Department of Social Services  
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**THROUGH:** John Slaughter, County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Accept cash donations in the amount of \$102,300.00 from the congregation of Grace Church through their Year- End Giving campaign for the benefit of the Kids Kottages, Washoe County Social Services' emergency shelter for abused and/or neglected children, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts)

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### SUMMARY

The Department of Social Services receives donations throughout the year from the community and through juror fee donations that are used to benefit children in care and families who are clients.

**Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Safe, Secure, and Healthy Communities

### PREVIOUS ACTION

The Board routinely accepts donations for the Department.

### BACKGROUND

The Kids Kottages are protective shelters where police or social workers bring children after they have been removed from their families. They are temporary homes operated 24 hours a day by Core Dynamics, LLC under a contract with Washoe County Department of Social Services. They house up to 82 children, both boys and girls, who range in age from one day old up to eighteen years.

Most children at Kids Kottage are there because their families are suspected of severe abuse or neglect. However, some children are placed because no one else is available to care for them during parental incarceration or hospitalization.

AGENDA ITEM # WM3

Grace Church is a Christ-centered, non-denominational church located in northwest Reno. Washoe County's Kids Kottages were chosen as Grace Church's community recipient of their Year- End Giving campaign. This is an annual project that the whole of the Grace Church congregation supports through donations from November through January.

This generous donation is being given to help refurbish the Kids Kottages and help make them "a more home-like, inviting and warm place for children to be". The Department plans to start with painting, flooring, bedding, and "comforts" at Kids Kottage One (reserved for children needing rehabilitative mental health services).

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the Board accept these cash donations, the Department's FY 14/15 adopted budget will be increased in the following revenue and expenditure accounts:

20400 - 484000	Revenue -- Donations	\$ 102,300.00
20400 - 710500	Other Expense	\$ 42,300.00
20400 - 710502	Building Imp -- non capital	\$ 60,000.00

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board accept cash donations in the amount of \$102,300.00 from the congregation of Grace Church through their Year- End Giving campaign for the benefit of the Kids Kottages, Washoe County Social Services' emergency shelter for abused and/or neglected children, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be "move to accept cash donations in the amount of \$102,300.00 from the congregation of Grace Church through their Year- End Giving campaign for the benefit of the Kids Kottages, Washoe County Social Services' emergency shelter for abused and/or neglected children, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments".